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- A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references 1 X and 2 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
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6. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese references has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([http://www.jpo.go.jp]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 3-5.

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